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SUBJ: FORD MANUFACTURING PROPOSAL

1. WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE
TO KENNETH HOLLOWAY, VICE PRES, FORD MID-EAST AND AFRICA,
THE AMERICAN ROAD, DEARBORN, MICH.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

ON EVENING JAN 10 AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, I HAD OCCASION TO
SPEAK WITH IRANIAN MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND MINES, REZA AMIN, CON-
CERNING FORD'S MANUFACTURING PROPOSAL. IN RESPONSE TO MY SOUNDING
AS TO HOW FORD PROPOSAL WAS BEING VIEWED WITHIN GOI, HE REPLIED
THAT HE REALLY DID NOT KNOW. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE WOULD BE
HAPPY TO SEE ANY FORD REP WHO COULD SPEAK ON THE PROPOSAL AT ANY
TIME BUT THAT IT WAS UP TO FORD TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN THIS
REGARD. WHILE HE DID NREPEAT THIS THEME OF HIS WILLINGNESS TO
LISTEN IF FORD WISHED, NONETHELESS I HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT HE
WOULD PROBABLY WELCOME AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK OVER THE PROPOSAL
IN TEHRAN. HE SAID THAT HE KNEW "A LITTLE BIT MORE" ABOUT VOLKSWAGON'
S
PROPOSAL THAN HE DID ABUT FORD'S. RESPONING TO MY QUESTION, THE
MINISTER SAID TWO WEEKS PRIOR NOTICE WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TIME TO
SET UP AN APPOINTMENT WITH HIM.

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3. I REALIZE THAT IF YOU WERE TO MEET WITH MINISTER AMIN TOWARD
THE END OF THIS MONTH OR EARLY FEBRUARY, THAT THIS WOULD CONS-
TITUTE SOMETHING OF A DEPARTURE FROM THE SCENARIO THAT KYAMI OF
IRAN NATIONAL GAVE YOU ORALLY WHEN YOU WERE LAST HERE. I HAVE NOT
SPOKEN WITH KYAMI OF MINISTER AMIN'S REMARKS TO ME. MY GUESS IS
THAT IS MINISTER AMIN IS TO BE BRIEFED IN DETAIL ON FORD'S PROPOSAL
IT HAD BEST COME FROM FORD RATHER THAN IRAN NATIONAL IN THE FIRST

INSTANCE.

4. I REALIZE THAT ALL THIS MEANS ANOTHER LONG TRIP TO IRAN. ON
BALANCE, I TEND TO FEEL THAT NO HARM CAN COME OF YOUR METING
WITH AMIN AT THIS TIME AND MIGHT WELL BE BENEFICIAL.

5. PLEASE LET ME KNOW YOUR VIEWS ON THIS THROUGH CHARLIE NAAS OF
NEA IN STATE. IF YOU DO DECIDE TO COME ON, PLEASE GIVE ME A ONE
OR TWO WEEKS PERIOD IN LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY CONVENIENT
TO YOU AND I WILL SEEK THE APPOINTMENT WITH MINISTER AMIN IN
THIS TIME FRAME. BEST REGARDS. SIGNED ROGER C BREWIN,
ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR, AMERICAN EMBASSY, TEHRA,
END TEXT.
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